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In the Specification: Please amend the last paragraph on p. 2 of the specification, lines 23-30, as follows:

During the late 1990s, the Internet began to receive widespread use by consumers and businesses. In the business world, the Internet has caused the concept of business users to expand greatly because of the way in which computers are now capable of being interconnected. In addition, the cost of computers has dropped to the point that it is affordable for almost every household to own a computer if they so desire. As such, a need exists to expand the reach of computing both within and outside the enterprise, and that enables the sharing of data and content between individuals and applications has developed.

Please amend the first paragraph on p. 3 of the specification, lines 2-12, as follows:

The present invention discloses an architecture for a netcentric computer system that is capable of expanding the reach of computing both within and outside the business enterprise. An ~~discloses~~ architecture for a netcentric computing system is disclosed that brings new technologies to the forefront, especially in the area of external presence and access, ease of distribution, and advanced media capabilities. Browsers, which provide a universal client, offer a new option in distributing functionality to both internal and external users. In prior art client/server environments, distributing an application internally or externally for a business enterprise ~~require~~ required the application to be recompiled and tested for all specific workstation operating systems. In addition, it usually required loading the application on each client or workstation.

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Please amend the first full paragraph on p. 4, from lines 4-12, as follows:

Netcentric computing systems also provide advantages over client/server computing by providing application version checking and dynamic updating capabilities. Configuration management of traditional client/server applications, which tend to be stored on both client hard disks and on the server, is a major issue for many corporations. The distribution and update problems of such applications that are packaged as one large, or a combination of a few large executable files, ~~makes make~~ minor updates difficult for even a small-scale user population because, every time an update is made, a process must be initiated to distribute new code to all client machines.